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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q56262

Haruhito NAKAMURA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/418,441

Group Art Unit: 2621

Confirmation No.: 8901

Examiner: Brian P. WERNER

Filed: October 15, 1999

For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR DETECTING THREE-DIMENSIONAL
INFORMATION

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

The Examiner has identified the application as containing claims directed to the following distinct species:

Species I - Figures 2-4

Species II - Figures 5-7

The Examiner has required the Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted. The Examiner believes claims 30-32 are generic. Applicant has been advised that a response to this requirement shall include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon.

In response to the Examiner's requirement, Applicant elects Species I, Figures 2-4, for examination on which claims 14, 15 and 18-23 are readable. Applicant notes that claims 30-32 have been found to be generic, and therefore, will be examined with the above claims.

Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should be similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

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